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NEWS RELEASE

OFFICER –INVOLVED SHOOTING

On 04-01-03, at approximately 1:43pm, on-duty Bike Officer Steven Bazany, a 14 ½ year SAPD veteran, was patrolling in the 200 Blk. of W. Commerce when he was contacted by an off-duty Bexar County Deputy. The off-duty BCSO Deputy told Officer Bazany that two vehicles traveling W/B on W. Commerce were involved in a “road-rage” disturbance. Officer Bazany identified one of the suspect vehicles and decided to detain the occupants for an investigation. Officer Bazany dismounted his bicycle and ordered the driver to stop his vehicle. Officer Bazany reports that instead of stopping, the driver drove his vehicle directly towards Officer Bazany in what Officer Bazany felt was an attempt to run him over. Officer Bazany was then struck by the suspect vehicle, but was able to fall back and fire one shot towards the suspect driver. Officer Bazany reports that the driver continued to travel W/B on W. Commerce, where the driver drove the suspect vehicle directly into 406 W. Commerce (Goodwill Building). After coming to a stop inside the Goodwill Building, three passengers, who were traveling inside the suspect vehicle, fled the suspect vehicle on foot. The suspect driver was found to be shot and was transported to BAMC, where he was pronounced dead by BAMC Medical Staff.

The three passengers were subsequently located and detained by responding officers as they fled the scene. Those passengers have been taken to the SAPD Headquarters, where a determination will be made about future charges. The identity of the deceased suspect will be withheld pending notification of next of kin.

Officer Bazany has been transported to University Hospital with unknown injuries to both legs. When Officer Bazany is released from hospital attention, he will be placed on Administrative Duty, which is standard for all officer-involved shootings. The San Antonio Police Department Shooting Team will be investigating the shooting and will forward their results to the Chief of Police as the investigation is concluded.

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